

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-8, 13, 29, 48, 50 and 57-64 have been amended. Claims 31, 36-40, 41-47, 51, 56-67, 69, 70-72 and 73-74 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 4-11, 13-20, 22-30, 48, and 50 are currently pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 48 has been amended to obviate the objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Claims 1, 4-11, 13, 18-20, 22-31, 36-47, 56-67, 69, 70 and 72-74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,888,322 issued to Dowling et al. (hereinafter "Dowling"). Dowling describes, "A color-changing device which includes an enclosure at least a portion of which is material which is desired to change color (See Abstract)."

Claim 1 has been amended to specifically require a computing device having a first illuminable housing and a second illuminable housing that is physically distinct from the first housing. The first housing includes, "a first controllable light emitting device disposed inside the first illuminable housing, the first light emitting device being configured to produce a first adjustable light effect for coloring or patternizing the first illuminable housing in order to significantly alter the ornamental appearance of the first housing of the computing device, the first light emitting device including a first light source configured to generate light so as to illuminate the interior of the first illuminable housing." Similarly, the second housing includes a second controllable light emitting device. Furthermore, claim 1 specifically requires that, "the first and second light emitting devices work in concert to generate the first and second light effects such that the first and second light effects work together harmoniously to affect the ornamental appearance of the computing device." Support for this amendment can be found in FIG. 8 and on pages 15-18 of the present application, which describe a general purpose computer having separate housings 138 and 139 having associated light sources 140A and 140B. It is respectfully submitted that Dowling neither discloses nor suggests a computing device having two such housings and associated light emitting devices. At most, Dowling discloses a single enclosure having multiple illumination devices. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that

Dowling does not teach or suggest an arrangement in which the light emitting devices work in concert to generate first and second light effects such that the first and second light effects work together harmoniously to affect the ornamental appearance of the computing device.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over the art of record. Additionally, independent claims 13 and 29 have been amended to recite similar limitations as those recited in claim 1, and hence, claims 13 and 29 are respectfully submitted to be patentable over the art of record for at least similar reasons to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

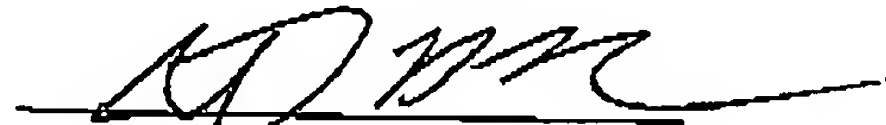
Claim 48 specifically requires a first light source disposed inside a first housing, a second light source disposed inside a second housing, and a single light source controller configured to control the first and second light sources to illuminate the associated first and second housings, respectively. It is respectfully submitted that Dowling neither discloses nor suggests such an arrangement of two illuminable housings, each housing being illuminable by an associated light source disposed inside the respective housing, wherein both light sources are controllable by a single controller. Again, at most, Dowling discloses a single enclosure having multiple illumination devices that can be "controlled through separate control signals, separate sensors, or separate controllers (column 3 line 66 through column 4 line 3)." In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 48 is patentable over the art of record.

All dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly on independent claims 1, 29 and 48, and hence, are respectfully submitted to be patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons described above with respect to the independent claims. Additionally, these dependent claims recited additional limitations that further patentably distinguish them over the art of record.

SUMMARY

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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